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News worth sharing.



A DIVINE SPECTACLE

Sebastian Izambard, David Miller, Urs Buhler and Carlos Marin — collectively known as Il Divo — sing a number from their latest album, *Wicked Game*, at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. Canadian jazz singer Nikki Yanofsky was the opening act. Story, page 6.

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EI reforms unfair?

Rural areas struggling.

Premier pans lack of consultation on changes

Seasonal employment

20,000

Estimated number of seasonal workers in Nova Scotia



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Premier Darrell Dexter said federal reforms to employment insurance seem to unduly target seasonal workers in rural Canada.

But because the province wasn't consulted on the reforms, announced Thursday by Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, Dexter said it remains to be seen what effect it will have on already-struggling rural areas of the province.

"It is hard to know at this point," Dexter told reporters Thursday.

"They seem to be saying there's some widespread abuse that needs to be fixed. The people whom they most seem to be targeting are actually those who are in seasonal jobs. That's not an abuse, that's part of the rural culture of Canada."

The reforms create three categories of applicants for employment insurance. The category that most seasonal employees would fall into —

those who've applied for EI more than three times in five years — would be told to take a job within 70 per cent of their normal salary within six weeks of applying for assistance.

But Dexter said the fact seasonal employees — such as fishers or farmers — apply for assistance isn't due to financial imprudence on their part. It's simply the nature of the business.

"This appears to penalize them because they live in rural communities and work in seasonal jobs," said Dexter. "And I don't think that's particularly fair."

Another provision within the reforms requires businesses to seek out unemployed Canadians rather than employing temporary foreign workers.

"This all comes back to the question about why don't you consult with people, and maybe find out what the circumstances actually are in the various provinces," said Dexter.



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Cape Breton

Escaped convict recaptured after brief pursuit

A 46-year-old man escaped the Cape Breton Correctional Centre on Thursday, only to be recaptured a short time later about 500 metres from the facility.

Dan Harrison, spokesman for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, said the man, who was on remand at the facility, made his escape while he and other offenders were in the facility's exercise yard.

The escape occurred just before 3:30 p.m.

Harrison said correctional officers witnessed the escape and were able to quickly lock down the facility and round up the offender in a wooded area near the centre in Gardiner Mines, near Sydney.

Cape Breton Regional Police officers were also on the scene and the offender was turned over to their custody.

He was returned to the centre after being examined by a doctor to ensure he suffered no injuries.

Harrison said no injuries were reported involving centre staff.

The offender will be facing additional charges. His name was not released.

An internal investigation has been launched by the department and a final report into the escape will be made public.

Cape Breton Correctional Centre is a medium-security facility that was opened in February 1975.

It has a maximum capacity of 96 sentenced or remanded male offenders, along with 102 full- and part-time employees.

CAPE BRETON POST

Man injured in daylight shooting on Quinpool Road

Several arrests made.

Police continued to search for gun into Thursday evening



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A mid-afternoon shooting on Quinpool Road left one man injured on Thursday.

Sean Alexander, owner of Fitness FX, was in the back room at around 2 p.m. when he heard several loud bangs and thought at first that someone was banging on the door.

It turns out it was four or five gun shots coming from the small parking lot next door.

"Because it's one of the only (parking lots) on Quinpool Road you get a lot of people who park here that shouldn't be, but there's never any issues with any violence," he said, adding that it's scary that it happened in the middle of the afternoon.

A black Cadillac stopped up the street by the former Blockbuster and police approached it with guns drawn, according to a witness. One person was arrested and another was taken to the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury to an extremity.

"We're investigating a shooting so for officer safety both individuals were arrested and taken out of the vehicle," said Const. Brian Palmer of the Halifax Regional Police. "We determined one was the victim and the other



A forensic identification officer gathers evidence following a shooting on Quinpool Road on Thursday afternoon.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

person may be a witness, but since we're in the early stages we're going to (confirm) that over the next little bit."

Within an hour after the shooting, a second vehicle was stopped in Dartmouth in the area of Victoria Road and Albro Lake Road.

"One person was taken into custody and a second person fled the vehicle on foot and we're currently searching for that individual," Palmer said late Thursday.

That evening, police released the man they arrested in Dartmouth, according to Staff Sgt. Bill Morris, but aren't ruling out charges as they continue to investigate.

Morris also said investigators were still waiting to speak with the victim, who remained in hospital.

On Quinpool Road Thursday afternoon, police blocked off the parking lot next to Fitness FX while forensic identification officers searched for evidence.

Shooting details

- Investigators are still trying to determine whether the shots were fired from a vehicle or whether the suspect(s) and victim were on foot.

That left at least one customer worried his truck had a bullet hole or two in it.



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Students aren't putting down roots in Halifax, says study

Growth. Halifax Index designed to create a dialogue about community progress and opportunities for improvement



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A new study says Halifax's low retention rate for international students serves as one of its biggest opportunities for growth.

The Greater Halifax Partnership study, which assesses the municipality's economy, quality of life and sustainability, said Halifax boasts the region's largest number of international students at just over 6,000.

But Fred Morley, executive vice-president of partnership, said students are not putting down roots in the municipality post-graduation.

"That means it's a great opportunity to be working on retaining more students,"

Transportation

According to the report, Halifax ranks second to Victoria for having a high percentage of people who use public transportation (about 12 per cent) or active transportation (11 per cent) to get to work.

said Morley, adding that job security plays a big role in whether or not students stick around.

Dubbed the Halifax Index, the inaugural report considers the city's economic strategy and measures Halifax against five other Canadian cities: St. John's, Quebec City, London, Ont., Regina and Victoria.

The report found that about 94 per cent of residents are satisfied with their life — second only to Quebec City — but do not feel a sense of community belonging. Morley said many residents identify with their individual communities rather than the municipality as a whole.



A ferry crosses Halifax Harbour on Thursday afternoon. A new study says more investment is needed in downtown Halifax. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

"In Halifax, we're a big community. We're the biggest in Canada," he said. "But people refer to themselves as 'I'm from Dartmouth' or 'I'm from Halifax.'"

The report said commercial development has increased, but 96 per cent of the new development was located outside of the urban core.

Consequently, it suggests

investing more in downtown development.

It also recommends increasing population density in the urban core where infrastructure and municipal

services, such as public transit, already exist.

Morley said the index is meant to create a dialogue about community progress and opportunities to improve.

El Nino may cool Atlantic's hurricane season



People walk through the driving rain caused by Hurricane Bill at Conrad's Beach in 2009. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Hurricane season is already on the go.

The Canadian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth is predicting nine to 15 named storms this year, with the first one, Alberto, already making an appearance.

It's unusual to have a hurricane in May but it does happen, said Bob Robichaud, a meteorologist at the CHC.

Alberto formed in tropical waters over the long weekend and fizzled out earlier this week.

Robichaud said they predict four to eight storms will be hurricanes and one to three will be major storms.

"And that's right around the average," he said.

The average number of named storms in the Atlantic is 12, and in 2011 there were 19 named storms — four of them major hurricanes. The biggest hit to Nova Scotia was hurricane Irene last August.

If an El Nino — involving warmer-than-normal water

temperatures — comes into play, it will significantly reduce the number of hurricanes this year, Robichaud said.

"Some of the forecasts for El Nino have been delayed a little bit to later in the fall," he said.

"So this year, even though we're in a period of high hurricane activity, if that El Nino develops then we'll probably be looking at the lower end of that nine to 15."

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Caught between the tracks

Off the rails. CN won't co-operate with study until legal clash over bridge repairs is resolved



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A study into the viability and cost of commuter-rail transit in the Halifax Regional Municipality has been derailed by an ongoing legal dispute with CN.

At a transportation committee meeting at Halifax City Hall on Thursday, municipal staff indicated CN is refusing to co-operate with the study — approved in the municipal budget to the tune of \$250,000 — until

Quoted:

"We have to consult with them. There is no other way to be able to move this forward."

Ken Reashor, HRM's director of public works

the legal dispute between the municipality and the railway over bridge repairs is resolved.

On top of that, there is no

guarantee CN would co-operate with the study once that litigation is complete. According to staff, information on the land,

infrastructure and current traffic on CN's lines is integral to the report's usefulness.

Bedford Coun. Tim Outhit, one of council's strongest proponents of light-rail transit, expressed his regret that the municipality did not use the bridge-repair issue as leverage in discussions with CN over rail transit.

"One would have thought

— perhaps before we went to court — (that) we could have used this as a little bit of a chance to get together and talk with CN and not end up in court. But that didn't happen," Outhit told the committee.

"The fact that CN doesn't want to speak with us right now because they're in the middle of a legal battle with us is no surprise."



A VIA train leaves the Halifax train station in this file photo. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Crime. Man acquitted in death of girlfriend's son

A Kentville judge has acquitted a 28-year-old man of manslaughter in the death of his girlfriend's two-year-old son.

Judge Claudine MacDonald said Thursday that the Crown hadn't proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Adam William States was the only person with the opportunity to inflict the abdominal injury that led to the two-year-old boy's death.

During the course of the trial, the court heard that Antonio Ryland Pinch was alone with States for an hour while his mother was grocery shopping. When his mother returned, Antonio complained of

Ruling

In her decision, the judge said medical evidence did not pinpoint the time the injuries could have been inflicted to the hour Antonio was in States' care.

a belly ache and threw up. His condition later worsened and the following day he was found unresponsive by his mother.

Paramedics were called, but efforts by them and ER doctors were not enough to resuscitate him. **KENTVILLE ADVERTISER**

Assault

Man suffers head injury

A man suffered a head wound and his phone was stolen during an incident early Thursday morning in Halifax.

When police were called to the 1900 block of Brunswick Street at 2:42 a.m., they found a 35-year-old man bleeding from a head wound. **METRO**

Canada Post

Package not so suspicious

Halifax police are calling a suspicious package found in Dartmouth on Thursday morning a false alarm.

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American tenor David Miller, left, and Spanish baritone Carlos Marin — half of the quartet Il Divo — perform at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Il Divo brings back its mix of pop, opera and romance

Fans. Near-capacity crowd in attendance at the Metro Centre

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An evening of true talent romanced the Metro Centre on Thursday night.

It began with songstress Nikki Yanofsky. Though just 18 years old, she belted out rhythm-and-blues standards from Aretha Franklin with the maturity of a seasoned veteran.

After a brief set, a full orchestra quickly filled the stage and the nearly packed house felt the operatic pulse of the quartet Il Divo.

Not since 2009 has this world-renowned group been in front of a Halifax crowd, and both sides were thankful for their return.

Band quote

"I don't get to much of (Halifax), but next time I don't want to miss a thing — including Theodore Tugboat and those chips from Bud the Spud."

Il Divo member Sébastien Izambard

"We are very happy too have you host us in your great city," Il Divo member Sébastien Izambard warmly addressed the crowd.

"It has been a long time, and we are like caged tigers filled with energy, ready to release it tonight," said baritone Carlos Marin playfully, growling like an animal, which delighted the mostly female audience.

The concert commenced with Come What May (Te Amare) from their latest al-

bum, Wicked Game.

Their original ballad, Dov'è L'Amore, followed. Though labelled an operatic ensemble, their eclectic mix of both opera and pop music sets them apart.

"Eight years ago we started and were told there was pop music, opera, then Il Divo in the middle," American tenor David Miller said to adoring fans. "But we soon found another style of music that fit our talents — musical theatre."

An inspiring rendition of Don't Cry For Me Argentina brought audience members to their feet, earning the group their first standing ovation of the night.

Frank Sinatra's My Way, the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody, and Il Divo's first original hit Every Time I Look At You followed as the group continued to combine music with casual conversation for their audience.

"This city makes me feel so romantic," Izambard said.

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Pressure on for Olympic athletes: Le May Doan

In town. Olympic star in Halifax on Thursday

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As a three-time Olympic medalist, speedskater Catriona Le May Doan knows about the pressures of being an athlete and competing in world's largest sporting event.

With many Canadians still beaming from the country's epic display at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Le May Doan said Canada's summer athletes have a unique hurdle to overcome.

"Often, the summer athletes go under the radar because we're more of a winter nation in general. We do better at the Winter Games," said Le May Doan on Thursday at the Westin Nova Scotia in Halifax.

"Since Vancouver, there's been a lot more support financially. There's been a lot more support just in the awareness of the athletes, and social media has helped that a lot ... but it also adds to the expectation. It adds pressure."

Le May Doan said Canada's Olympic team has set high

Olympic pressure

"For athletes, knowing that the whole country is watching, it's intense."

Catriona Le May Doan, former Olympian

goals — about 22 medals compared to the 18 attained at 2008 Beijing Olympics — but it's hard to predict the outcome.

"It's tough. The summer games are so big," said Le May Doan, who will be heading to the 2012 London Olympics in July as a broadcaster for CTV.

"You can predict as many medals as you want, but when it comes down to it, it's those 17 days where you have to perform."

Le May Doan was in Halifax on Thursday to speak to community members at the Salvation Army's Hope in the City Leadership breakfast.

Le May Doan, a two-time gold medalist in speedskating, is the first and only Canadian to defend a gold medal at any Olympic Games.

She's involved in a number of charitable organizations, including a Saskatoon-based foundation for children and youth that bears her name.

Run-off election

No president for teacher's union in first voting round

The first round of electronic voting to elect a new president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union has failed to produce a winner.

A run-off election will now be held May 30 between former union vice-president Eric Boutilier and Kings local president

Shelley Morse.

A third candidate, Damian Hall, has been dropped from the slate.

The union says to become president a candidate must win a majority of votes totalling 50 per cent plus one.

Just over 60 per cent of the union's 10,000 members participated in Wednesday's vote.

The union represents teachers, community college faculty and professional support staff.

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Operating budget

School board to slash 75 jobs to counter shortfall

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board has approved an operating budget that will cut 75 positions, including 44 classroom teachers.

The board passed the budget at a special meeting Tuesday evening. The board saw a 2.1 per cent reduction in provincial

funding in 2012-2013, a decrease of \$2.86 million. Boards were also directed to absorb cost pressures such as negotiated wage increases and inflation, bringing the total shortfall to \$4.4 million in 2012-2013. "We're trying to do everything we can to protect the programming and support for students," superintendent Ambrose White said.

In addition to the reduction in teaching staff, the board will cut 12 teaching assistants. CAPE BRETON POST

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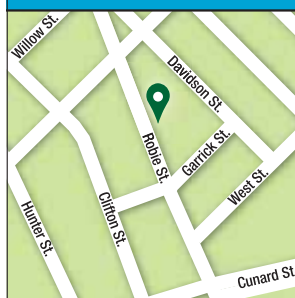


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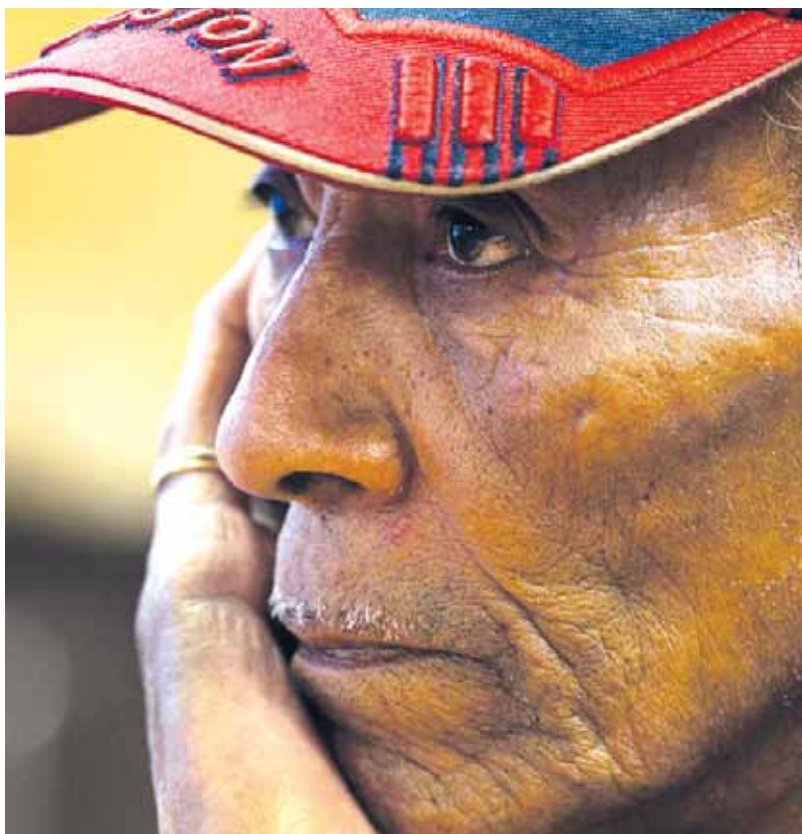
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Catriona Le May Doan smiles at her induction ceremony into the Canada Games Hall of Fame last February. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Stephen Julian, father of Victoria Rose Paul, attends a news conference on Thursday in reaction to a report that Truro police did not properly monitor her while she was in custody three years ago in Indian Brook.

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Truro police did not properly monitor woman, says report

Disturbing conditions.

Investigation found it was not 'normal practice' to leave a person in custody on the floor for four hours

Quoted

"The statute of limitation into her death should never run out ... until all the answers are answered."

George Paul, brother of victim



Victoria Rose Paul. CONTRIBUTED

An Indian Brook woman who was jailed for public intoxication and later died following a stroke was left lying on the cement floor of the lock-up for four hours in her own urine, a review of the Truro police's handling of the incident has concluded.

The investigation, ordered by provincial Justice Minister Ross Landry last August, found Truro police did not properly monitor Victoria Rose Paul's health while she was in custody three years ago.

The 44-year-old resident

was arrested Aug. 28, 2009, outside a Truro bar for public drunkenness and was taken the following day to a Halifax hospital, where she died on Sept. 5, 2009.

After she was brought to jail, she settled down and fell asleep. But three hours later, she fell off her bunk onto the floor "and continued to move around as if in distress," the report said.

When the officer in charge of the lockup visited her cell nearly five hours after she was jailed, Paul's

underpants had partly fallen off, she had lost control of her bladder and was incoherent.

"It was not normal practice to place and leave a person in custody on the floor for over four hours, not normal practice to leave a person in custody in contaminated clothing," the report said.

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Volleyball tournament organizers hoping for more fans in the sand

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Organizers of the FIVB world junior beach volleyball championships are hoping to attract even more fans to the Halifax waterfront this summer.

After drawing three days of sellouts and 15,000 fans to the downtown Salter Lot last year, the tournament will be back in town for a second straight year from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 and tickets go on sale on Friday at noon.

But rather than only selling tournament passes in the lead-up to the event, organizers are making single-day passes available immediately, and are encouraging fans to lock up their tickets early.



Kazakhstan's Bakhtygul Samalikova dives for a ball during her team's match against Norway at the under-21 FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships last year. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

"Last year, we waited until event week to sell single-day

tickets, and what it led to was huge lineups at the site,"

said Derek Martin, president of Sports and Entertainment

Atlantic. "What we wanted to do this year was allow people

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to pick and choose their days they wanted to come.

"We think it will make things a little bit more accessible for folks and allow people to get tickets for the days they want."

Halifax, which will become the first repeat host in the event's 11-year history, is expanding the tournament from 48 teams to 64. Otherwise, organizers aren't changing much from last year.

"We just want to build on what we did and do it even better than we did last year," Martin said.

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Law followed in Irving deal, Dexter says



Premier Darrell Dexter speaks with reporters after Irving Shipbuilding won the \$25-billion shipbuilding contract last year. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Disclosure. Information officer denied access to documents, not government: Premier



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Premier Darrell Dexter denied claims of government secrecy surrounding the non-disclo-

sure of details surrounding a \$304-million deal with Irving Shipbuilding.

Speaking to reporters Thursday, Dexter said his government did not deny access to the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation — the Freedom of Information officer simply applied the law.

"I understand the point (CTF Atlantic Director Kevin Lacey) is trying to make," said Dexter.

"But it's not like somebody in my office said 'Don't re-

Meeting targets

"If (Irving doesn't) meet the targets, then they repay the money. So it's a fairly transparent system in terms of how the money gets spent, how it gets accounted for."

Premier Darrell Dexter

lease that information.' It's not something that we're trying to restrict. It's an officer of government who is applying the law to the interests that are there."

The 30-year, \$304-million loan, only \$44 million of which is repayable, is tied to job targets and economic output, Dexter said, and if Irving fails to meet those goals they won't receive the money.

In a blog post on Wednes-

day, Lacey said his Freedom of Information request on the details of the deal was denied for two reasons: it would compromise third party business information and would harm economic interests of the province.

Lacey dismissed both reasons, writing that Irving could have waved third-party protection and released the information and it couldn't hurt the economy as the shipyard has already won the contract.

"Surely if the Premier and Irving Shipbuilding thought this deal was so good for the province's taxpayers then they should stop hiding behind lawyer language and technicalities and make the terms and conditions of those grants/loans public," Lacey wrote.

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Antigonish

Court orders psych assessment of alleged attacker

A court has ordered a psychiatric assessment for a 25-year-old Antigonish County man facing several charges, including attempted murder.

Joseph Connor Fraser has also been charged with forcible confinement, break and enter, possession of a weapon and mischief.

Police in Antigonish says they were called to a home on Saint Mary's Street on Friday after a woman was attacked.

RCMP say the victim was treated for her injuries and was later released from hospital.

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Renovations

Acadia University gets \$2.7M loan from province

Acadia University will have up to 300 more students living on campus after receiving a \$2.7-million repayable loan from the province on Thursday.

Cutten House residence is being renovated to upgrade the layout, plumbing and ventilation, including new washrooms, showers and change facilities, carpets and paint.

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Vessel death. TSB probe says deckhand was not wearing safety gear

A Shelburne County deckhand who fell overboard near Cape Sable Island last year, while the vessel he was on was heading to East Pubnico, was not wearing any safety equipment, says a Transportation Safety Board report into the incident.

The May 3, 2011, incident happened early in the morning when 33-year-old deckhand Ward Wickens of Bear Point was lost overboard from the fishing vessel Silver Angel. His body was never recovered.

The fisherman fell overboard while retrieving a paravane stabilizer. The captain, the only other person on board, made several unsuccessful attempts to rescue

Fog and darkness

- At the time visibility was poor due to fog and darkness.

the crew member.

As for how the deckhand fell overboard, the report says the investigation was unable to determine with certainty what caused him to fall into the water. But it concludes the deckhand probably fell from the vessel's gunwale while attempting to retrieve the starboard paravane pickup rope, losing his footing and/or handhold as the vessel rolled in the seas.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD

Missing women found by helicopter search

Woman wandered away. Emergency workers sprang into action after woman spotted from the air

Coffee in one hand, muffin in the other, Department of Natural Resources helicopter pilot Ardel Smith was all smiles as he chatted with members of the ground search and rescue at the Alma Fire Department in Pictou County.

Shortly before, he and the spotter flying with him had found 84-year-old Audrey Doggett lying in a ditch

near Exit 20 on the Trans-Canada Highway 104. She has Alzheimer's and had wandered from her home in Alma.

"I was extended just over the highway, and we were turning to come back and head north, and we spotted her," he said.

Doggett went missing on Wednesday night and the DNR helicopter was called in Thursday morning to help with the search.

Smith said he had already done a sweep of the area flying east to west and was just starting to go north and south when he found her.

He hovered over the spot



Audrey Doggett went missing on Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

until RCMP could get there. An undercover car arrived

first and soon the area was bustling with activity as one lane was blocked off for emergency responders to take care of the woman.

Smith said it felt like forever, but was just a few minutes as they waited to hear what her condition was.

"We didn't know what her status was but we saw them pull out the heat blanket and their reaction," he said. "They were running back and forth."

He knew then that she must be alive.

"When we heard she was all right over the radio, we were pretty happy about that," he said.

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Ardel Smith of the department of natural resources flew the helicopter that found Audrey Doggett. "When we heard she was all right over the radio, we were pretty happy about that," he said on Thursday. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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Crime

Suspect wanted by
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A man wanted by the FBI and featured on the TV show *America's Most Wanted* has been caught in Toronto.

Toronto police say the fugitive squad arrested Kujtim (Timmy) Lika on Thursday morning through a joint investigation between city police and the Canada Border Services Agency.

Police say the 47-year-old Lika is wanted for alleged offences related to organized crime and conspiracy to distribute narcotics.

Lika is being held in Toronto where he will begin his extradition proceedings.

The *America's Most Wanted* website says the FBI identified Lika as an Albanian illegal immigrant from the former Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia.

Toronto police helped the FBI nab Lika's accomplice — Myfit (Mike) Dika — in 2010 and have been looking for Lika ever since.

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Nova Scotia

Jailed woman left
lying in urine,
review finds

A Nova Scotia woman who was jailed for public intoxication and later died following a stroke was left lying on the cement floor of the lockup for four hours in her own urine, a review of the Truro, N.S., police's handling of the incident has concluded.

The investigation, or

dered by provincial Justice Minister Ross Landry last August, found that Truro police did not properly monitor Victoria Rose Paul's health while she was in custody three years ago.

The 44-year-old resident of Indian Brook, N.S., was arrested Aug. 28, 2009, outside a Truro bar for public drunkenness and was taken the following day to a Halifax hospital, where she died on Sept. 5, 2009.

After she was brought to jail, she settled down and fell asleep. But three hours later, she fell off her bunk onto the floor "and continued to move around as if in distress," the report said.

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British Columbia

Experts fail to
hook Frankenfish

A voracious metre-long fish that may be skulking in the waters of a Burnaby, B.C., pond appears to be gaining a reputation as a slippery character — in more ways than one.

The torpedo-shaped snakehead, capable of snapping up mammals two-thirds its size in its wide and toothy jaw, has apparently been seen in the muddy lagoon of Central Park, but it eluded government fishermen sent to reel it in on Wednesday.

Crews from the Environment Ministry, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and the City of Burnaby tried several methods, including running electric currents through a lagoon to shock all the fish and scoop up any unwelcome species.

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Lung-transplant recipient celebrates new lease on life

Inspiring. Hélène Campbell became the face of organ donation after attracting celeb endorsements

A young woman whose inspirational advocacy for organ donation has garnered attention around the world gushed with gratitude Thursday at her first public appearance since receiving two lungs seven weeks ago.

At a news conference, Hélène Campbell did a little happy dance to demonstrate her remarkable recovery from near death.

"I've named my lungs 'Gratitude' — attitude with a little 'grrr,'" Campbell said. "I'm just so grateful."

In the space of six months, Campbell, 21, of Ottawa, went from skydiving and travelling abroad to someone who could barely walk.

She was diagnosed with a degenerative hardening of the lungs — ideopathic cystic fibrosis — a condition of unknown cause that was quickly suffocating her. On April 6, after just 10 weeks on the organ waiting list, she underwent a transplant.

On Thursday, a small scar on her throat and a husky voice were the only obvious signs of her dramatic journey.

"My voice is not fully back — it's a little more raspy than usual, but I have a voice and I'm able to breathe, and that for me is a miracle," she said.

"I can take a shower standing up — that is the best thing I've been able to do in a long time."



Lung-transplant recipient Hélène Campbell demonstrates her wave dance during a press conference at Toronto General Hospital on Thursday. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Campbell became the unofficial face of organ donation in Canada after attracting celebrity endorsements for her cause, including from singer Justin Bieber, whose tweets set the campaign alight, and TV host Ellen DeGeneres.

The response has been a significant increase in people signing up to be organ donors in places as far-flung as Louisiana and Australia.

"It just took the right story to get through to people," said Campbell, who vowed to keep up her advocacy for organ donation.

Waiting for the new lungs was incredibly difficult, Camp-

bell said, noting many people die before a suitable organ can be found.

Campbell said she was curious as to whose lungs she received, but said it would be up to the donor's family to decide if they wanted contact with her.

Her fervent wish, she said, was that they know the extent of her gratitude.

"My hope is that someone will somehow let them know how thankful I am — that through their loss I have life," said Campbell, who takes 54 pills a day, partly to stave off rejection of the new organs.

"Every time I take those

meds, I think of that family."

Campbell said her "darkest moment" came immediately after the operation, when her body began rejecting the new lungs and she developed an infection.

She blamed herself for "not doing enough" until her father encouraged her with words he used to say when she was a child: "A little Hélène won't give up."

There has been no turning back. "It's not always been rainbows and butterflies," she said.

"The support I received worldwide has been enough to keep me going."

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CP Rail customers look for alternatives during strike

Companies that rely on Canadian Pacific Railway to move their products across the country were looking at their alternatives on Day 2 of a walkout by 4,800 employees.

CP suspended all freight shipments in Canada — affecting oil, coal, automotive, fertilizer and lumber industries, among others — after workers represented by the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference went on strike early Wednesday.

Cenovus Energy Inc. moves about 2,000 barrels of oil per day by rail from its Bakken fields in Saskatchewan. That's not a lot for a company that produced 156,850 barrels per day during its most recent quarter.

Still, the oil company says it has felt a hit due to the CP strike.

"We have been affected,"



CP Rail trains sit idle near Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

spokeswoman Jessica Wilkinson said Thursday. "In the meantime, we're looking to secure pipeline capacity to move that oil."

Fertilizer producers have few, if any, fallback options, said transportation consultant Tom Maville, who works with the Canadian Fertilizer Insti-

tute.

Last year 28 million tonnes of fertilizer were produced in Canada, most of which was transported to market by rail.

Potash trains can stretch more than two kilometres in length. It would take two and a half trucks to move what a single railcar can, said Maville.

Maville said there's limited storage capacity at the potash mines and at the ports, especially since it's the height of Canada's growing season.

"In very short time there's going to be nowhere to put the product, which means you shut down mines, you close down plants and you lay off people," he said.

"That is a worst-case scenario, but that is the reality of what could happen here."

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Norway massacre

If found sane, killer will not appeal verdict

The Norwegian right-wing extremist who has admitted to killing 77 people in a massacre last year said Thursday that he doesn't plan to appeal the verdict if an Oslo court deems him sane.

Two psychological examinations carried out before the 10-week trial reached opposite conclusions on whether Anders Breivik is psychotic — the key issue to be resolved during the trial, which began in mid-April.

Breivik has confessed to the July 22 massacre when he gunned down 69 people at a youth retreat on Utoya island after setting off a bomb in central Oslo that killed eight others. But he denies criminal guilt for the rampage, saying the victims had betrayed their country by embracing immigration.

"If I'm found sane, I have no grounds to appeal," the 33-year old suspect said at the end of Thursday's proceedings in Oslo. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Suspect detained in missing-child mystery from 1979

Man confesses. After 33 years, case of first missing kid on a milk carton may at last have an ending

A New York City law-enforcement official said Thursday that a man has told police that he suffocated Etan Patz, the six-year-old boy whose disappearance on his way to school in 1979 helped give rise to the missing-children's movement that put youngsters' faces on milk cartons.

Pedro Hernandez was picked up late Wednesday in New Jersey, according to a law-enforcement official, and was being questioned Thursday by the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Hernandez worked at a convenience store in the downtown Manhattan neigh-



Etan Patz, then six, has been missing since he left for school in 1979. STANLEY K. PATZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

bourhood in which Patz and his parents lived, and moved to New Jersey shortly after the boy disappeared 33 years ago, according to a second law-enforcement official. He has been

tied to the case in the past, and investigators recently received a phone call that tipped them off to him, the officials said.

Hernandez said he suffocated the boy, then put the body in a box, walked down the street and left the box in an alley, the first official said. No body or box has been recovered, and Hernandez has not been charged.

Investigators said they were still trying to confirm details of the man's story. The development came just before the Friday anniversary of Etan's disappearance, when detectives typically receive a landslide of hoaxes and false leads.

"Let me caution you that there's still a lot of investigating to do," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

A woman who answered the door at Hernandez's Maple Shade, N.J., home confirmed he was in custody. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A show of respect, grief

Yemenis pray Thursday during the funeral of soldiers who were killed in a suicide-bomb attack at a parade square in the capital, Sanaa. On Monday, a Yemeni soldier detonated a bomb hidden in his uniform during a rehearsal for a military parade, wounding at least 200.

YEMEN DEFENSE MINISTRY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A violent scuffle erupted in Ukraine's parliament Thursday over a bill that would allow the use of the Russian language in courts and other institutions in the Russian-speaking regions of the country. MARK LEVIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Debate on language use erupts into all-out brawl in Ukrainian parliament

A violent scuffle has erupted in Ukraine's parliament over a bill that would allow the use of the Russian language in courts, hospitals and other institutions in the Russian-speaking regions of the country.

The fight broke out Thursday evening between members of the pro-Western opposition who want

to take Ukraine out of Russia's shadow and lawmakers from President Viktor Yanukovich's party, which bases its support in Ukraine's Russian-speaking east.

At least one legislator, opposition lawmaker Mykola Petruk, suffered an apparent blow to the head and was taken to the hospital with

blood streaming down his face.

The opposition demanded an investigation.

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Funding student groups. Financing laws must be followed, province says

Quebec's striking student organizations have been warned to respect provincial election laws if they want to make good on their promise to help defeat Jean Charest's Liberal government.

The student groups, which have received considerable funding from unions inside and outside the province, have been told they will need to abide by laws that set strict limits on contributions.

The warning from Quebec's elections watchdog was prompted by a recent public pledge from the major student associations to launch an offensive against the governing Liberals in the next election.

The Canadian Press reported this week that tens of thousands of dollars in donations have already been shipped to student activists from unions outside and inside the province and, as the conflict drags on, new financial contributions are pouring in. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Quebec law sets strict rules, including a \$1,000 maximum for individual donations, limits on what a candidate can spend, and rules for calculating the value of goods and services provided.

Crisis mode

Charest brings back steady hand

In the midst of a social crisis, Quebec Premier Jean Charest is replacing his most senior aide and bringing back the well-regarded Daniel Gagnier as chief of staff. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Reputation

Unrest bad for Quebec's image

Quebec's premier has cancelled meetings with counterparts in Vermont and Israel, as there is unflattering coverage in the media and tourists are complaining. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mass roundup of students triggers new attempt at talks

Montreal rally.

Arrests mar 30th march since protest against tuition-fee increases began more than three months ago

Surreal scenes of mass arrests in various parts of Quebec, with over 650 people rounded up in different cities for a variety of reasons, have spurred a new attempt at resolving a dispute that has catapulted the province onto international news pages.

The provincial education minister said Thursday that she expected to hold a "very, very important" meeting with student groups, likely early next week, after having had positive discussions over the phone.

Restoring order in time for the tourist-filled festival season, which starts in only a few weeks, appears a monumental task given the events that unfolded in the wee hours.

A peaceful evening march that began Wednesday even-



Protesters and riot police face off early Thursday morning during a march against tuition-fee hikes in Montreal.

RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ing with people festively banging pots and pans ended with police using the controversial "kettling" tactic on a crowd of demonstrators and arresting 518 people in Montreal. Scores of others were arrested elsewhere in the province.

"Six-hundred-fifty-one — that's the number of arrests yesterday ... of ordinary citizens, men, women, young people arrested because they wanted to voice their opposition to decisions of the Liberal regime," PQ Leader Pau-

line Marois said, calling it the worst social crisis in Quebec's history.

"That's where the Quebec Liberal Party has taken us: mass arrests, more often than not arbitrary ones, to silence opposition." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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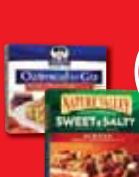
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U.S. cuts aid to Pakistan after doctor's arrest

Congressional anger. Funding to Islamabad cut after doctor who helped locate bin Laden is sentenced for high treason

A Senate panel expressed its outrage Thursday over Pakistan's conviction of a doctor who helped the United States track down Osama bin Laden, voting to cut aid to Islamabad by \$33 million — \$1 million for every year of the physician's 33-year sentence for high treason.

The punitive move came on top of deep reductions the appropriations committee already had made to President Barack Obama's budget request for Pakistan, a reflection of the growing congressional anger over its co-operation in combating terrorism. The overall foreign-aid budget for next year had slashed more than half of the proposed as-

sistance and threatened further reductions if Islamabad failed to open overland supply routes to U.S.-led NATO forces in Afghanistan.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham called Pakistan "a schizophrenic ally," helping the United States at one turn, but then aiding the Haqqani network, which has claimed responsibility for several attacks on Americans. The group also has ties to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"It's Alice in Wonderland at best," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat. "If this is co-operation, I'd hate like hell to see opposition."

Pushing aside any diplomatic talk, Republicans and Democrats criticized Pakistan a day after the conviction in Pakistan of Shakil Afridi.

The doctor ran a vaccination program for the CIA to collect DNA and verify bin Laden's presence at the compound in Abbottabad where U.S. commandos found and killed the al-Qaida leader in May 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Former high school football star exonerated from rape conviction

Brian Banks, centre, reacts with his mother, Leomia Myers, and father, Jonathan Banks, outside court after his rape conviction was dismissed on Thursday in Long Beach, Calif. Banks, a former Long Beach high school football star and prized college recruit who served more than five years in prison for rape he did not commit, had his conviction overturned, with his accuser recanting her story. **NICK UTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

South Korea

Chemical castration for sex offender

South Korea plans to chemically castrate a sex offender convicted of repeated crimes against children, the country's first use of the punishment, officials said Thursday.

The 45-year-old man will get an injection Friday that lowers testosterone-producing hormones and aims to inhibit sexual impulses, Justice Ministry officials said on condition of anonymity, citing department rules.

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Capital punishment

Missouri alters execution injections

The same anesthetic that caused the overdose death of pop star Michael Jackson, propofol, is now the drug of choice for executions in Missouri.

While critics argue propofol will cause pain and suffering, Missouri would be the first U.S. state to use it as an execution drug.

But its use may be short-lived as its maker also opposes selling it for use in executions.

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Drone secrets. Texas man jailed for aiding al-Qaida

A Texas man convicted of trying to sneak out of the U.S. to give al-Qaida restricted military documents, GPS equipment and money was sentenced Thursday to 20 years in prison — the maximum he could receive.

Barry Walter Bujol Jr., a U.S. citizen, was convicted in November on charges of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and aggravated identity theft.

Bujol told the judge he never wanted to hurt anyone.

Prosecutors said Bujol

sought to join al-Qaida and provide it with money, two restricted-access army manuals related to U.S. drones and GPS equipment. He was arrested in May 2010 after he used fake identification to sneak into a Houston port and board a ship bound for the Middle East.

The 31-year-old said he never intended to harm the United States or any American citizens, and that he had wanted to leave the country was because he was displeased with U.S. foreign policy, particularly drone attacks.

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Extradition ruling. Mother of serial arsonist facing fraud charges in Germany

A federal judge in Los Angeles has ruled that the German mother of a serial arson suspect should be extradited from the United States to face numerous fraud charges.

The U.S. attorney's office says, however, that Thursday's ruling does not mean that Dorothee Burkhart will be immediately returned to Germany.

Dorothee Burkhart's 24-year-old son, Harry Burkhart, is charged with

100 arson-related counts involving 49 fires in Hollywood, West Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley over New Year's weekend.

In his ruling, U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles F. Eick denied an application by Harry Burkhart to intervene in his mother's extradition as well as her motion to stay the proceeding.

Dorothee Burkhart contended she needed to help her son's defence.

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Sled-dog trial moved after threats, safety concerns

Venue switch. Case of man charged in the slaughter of 56 animals will be heard in North Vancouver

Safety concerns have prompted a change in venue for the case of a man charged in the slaughter of 56 sled dogs near Whistler, B.C., two years ago.

Robert Fawcett's lawyer appeared on his behalf in provincial court in Pemberton on

Thursday, but the matter will be moved to North Vancouver on June 19.

Crown spokesman Neil MacKenzie said there are concerns over courthouse security.

MacKenzie said he understands there have been some threats made against Fawcett although he's not directly aware of any himself.

As for whether protesters might be expected outside the court, MacKenzie said he can't say.

Fawcett faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to the dogs in the



Robert Fawcett has been charged in the deaths of 56 sled dogs.

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animal-cruelty case that has drawn international attention.

Fifty-six dogs were dug up

in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers-compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The animals had been a tourist draw during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

After the information leaked out about the cull, Fawcett and the company that bought his business, Outdoor Adventures, issued a statement in February 2011 that many of the dogs were old and sick and that efforts to have them adopted were unsuccessful.

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West Kelowna

No more ice-cream headaches in B.C.

A familiar sound of summer has been frozen out as councillors in West Kelowna, B.C., have voted to ban the tinny chimes of the ice cream truck.

The newly adopted policy prohibits music or voice-amplifying devices from any mobile vending unit.

The policy was adopted after district officials say they received numerous complaints about music blaring from the ice-cream and snack trucks.

Councillors also voiced concerns about children running out into streets.

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Saskatoon

1962 wedding ring unearthed

A discovery in a Saskatoon garden suggests there may be a couple approaching a marriage milestone — without an important piece of jewelry.

Colleen Christensen says she was moving some lilies when she found a wedding ring wrapped in the plant's roots. Now she wants to find the owner.

The band is engraved on the inside and says J & J 8/9/62. Christensen has checked all the owners of her Saskatoon home back to 1970 through the Henderson's directory, but there's been no match of initials.

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Egyptians vote their way into brand new era

An Egyptian woman checks for her name at a polling station in Cairo on Thursday. Egyptians voted for a second day in a landmark presidential election that will produce a successor to Hosni Mubarak. AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grim assessment

Syria conflict 'increasingly militarized': UN

The Syrian regime and an increasingly organized rebel force are carrying out illegal

killings and torturing their opponents, a UN panel says.

But government forces are still responsible for most of the violence stemming from the country's uprising, the panel said Thursday.

The findings were released in Geneva by the

Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria, which said the conflict has become "increasingly militarized."

The report was based on hundreds of interviews since March with victims and witnesses.

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Iran talks break off with pledge to resume in mid-June

Nuclear program. International Atomic Energy Agency to sign a deal with Iran to probe suspected weapons

Tough negotiations between Iran and world powers over Tehran's nuclear program ended Thursday with a plan to meet next month for another round of talks but agreement on little else.

The open channels between Iran and the six-nation bloc — the five permanent Security Council members plus Germany — are seen as the most hopeful chances of outreach between Washington and Tehran in years.

They also could push back threats of military action that have shaken oil markets and brought worries of trig-



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gering a wider Middle East conflict.

European Union foreign-policy chief Catherine Ashton said both sides agreed to continue the discussions on June 18 and 19 in Moscow in

hopes of a breakthrough on international concerns about the Islamic Republic's ability to build atomic weapons.

The announcement capped two days of negotiations in Baghdad, where at times it appeared Tehran would withdraw from the talks.

Meanwhile, Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, says he has reached a deal with Iran on probing suspected work on nuclear weapons. The agreement will be signed soon.

Israeli leaders have been critical of the talks, claiming it allows Iran to buy time and drive a wedge between Washington and Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said even possible moves by Iran to open its nuclear facilities to inspection don't rule out a military strike.

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Fire on U.S. nuclear sub

Flames isolated from the nuclear-propulsion space

Officials at a Maine shipyard are preparing to ventilate a nuclear submarine so that people can get inside to assess damage from a fire.

Defence analyst Loren Thompson says he'll be surprised if the sub is returned to service.

Authorities say they are waiting for the sub to cool enough for fresh air to be safely introduced without risk of another fire. Firefighters spent Wednesday night and early Thursday fighting the fire on the USS Miami in Kittery. Seven firefighters and crew members were hurt.

The cause of the blaze is not known.

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New EI rules take aim at frequent users

Unemployment.

StatsCan reported this week there were about 237,000 unfilled jobs in February

Ottawa is tightening employment-insurance eligibility with new rules that hit repeat claimants hardest, but will force all on the system to accept lower-paying jobs.

The government says it will put strict definitions on what constitutes "suitable employment" and what the unemployed must do to find a job in order to get off EI.

The new rules are expected to be in effect early in 2013.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said the intent of changes is to get Canadians off EI and on to jobs for which they are qualified.

"These changes are not about forcing people to accept work outside their own area nor about taking jobs for which they are not suited."

But NDP critic Peggy Nash



Human Resources Minister Diane Finley announces changes to employment insurance in Ottawa on Thursday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

accused the government of blaming the unemployed for the poor economy.

"What we heard today is the minister scapegoating unemployed Canadians ... that they are not trying hard enough to

find work," she said, pointing out that currently only 40 per cent of the unemployed are receiving benefits.

The changes create three categories of unemployment with a sliding scale of expecta-

tions for jobs people must accept — depending on how often they have collected benefits in the past, and the length they are currently on EI.

Long-tenured workers, mostly employed over the past

10 years, can refuse a job outside their usual occupation that doesn't pay at least 90 per cent of their previous hourly wage.

However, even this category of worker must lower expectations after 18 weeks on the system and accept any "similar occupation" within the industry that pays at least 80 per cent of their previous scale.

Frequent EI claimants, who have been on the system at least three times for a total of 60 weeks over the past five years, will be expected to take a similar job that pays at least 80 per cent of their previous wage rate. After six weeks, claimants will have to take any job for which they are qualified, even if it is not in the same field, at 70 per cent of the previous pay.

"Occasional claimants" must accept work paying at least 90 per cent of their previous scale in the first six weeks, 80 per cent in the next 12 weeks and 70 per cent after 18 weeks on benefits. The majority of claimants — 58 per cent — fall in this "occasional" category, Finley said.

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Facebook. Site launches camera app for iPhone

Facebook's rocky initial public offering hasn't stopped life at the world's biggest online social network. On Thursday, the company unveiled a camera app for the iPhone.

The app can be downloaded from Apple's App Store and works like most other camera applications for smart phones. To take a photo, you tap a camera icon in the upper-left corner of your screen, aim and shoot. You can then add filters, crop or tilt your photo, and share it on Facebook.

The new app is similar to Instagram, the photo-sharing app Facebook is in the process of buying for \$1 billion US. The acquisition, however, has not yet been completed.

Facebook didn't give details on when it might release a ver-



Facebook's new camera app, made for the iPhone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sion of the app for phones that run on Google's Android operating system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survey. Canadians warm to economic prospects

Canadians are warming to signs of improvement in the economy, according to the latest survey by international business consultancy TNS.

TNS said Thursday that its overall consumer-confidence index jumped more than three points to 98.8 in May from 95.4 in April.

"It seems that Canadians have woken up about the economy and are liking what they see," said Norman Baillie-David, vice-president of TNS in Canada and director of the marketing and social-research firm's monthly

tracking study.

"Since the beginning of the year, confidence has been flat, or just waffling up and down as Canadians didn't seem to be preoccupied with economic concerns," Baillie-David added.

"This most recent and significant jump bodes well for the summer months."

The consumer-confidence index tracks Canadians' attitudes about the economy each month and is part of a global study conducted by TNS in 18 countries.

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Canadians can withstand housing downturn: DBRS

Credit-rating agency DBRS said Thursday that average Canadian households can withstand a catastrophic drop in home prices, but warned that a rise in unemployment would be a greater concern.

The agency said a 40 per cent drop in prices or rising interest rates would put pressure on Canadian households, but not have a large impact on mortgage defaults.

"However, a combination of higher interest rates, lower property values and a drastic increase in unemployment would be of great concern as mortgage defaults are closely related to employment and individual family situations," DBRS

'Three D's'

"Households (are) vulnerable to cash-flow shock and credit problems from the occurrence of any of the three 'D's' — disability, divorce and dismissal," DBRS in a report

said in a report.

"If unemployment spikes, many financially stretched households will be forced to sell their homes, putting greater downward pressure on house prices and turning many people into both house poor and cash poor."

The report comes amid

continuing warnings from Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty that higher interest rates are just a matter of time and Canadians need to ensure they don't get in over their heads with loans and mortgages.

DBRS said that faster debt accumulation relative to the economy as a whole or average household income have driven up both home prices and borrowing. The result has been reduced housing affordability, with pressure on day-to-day cash flow for average Canadian households, leaving them little room to deal with unexpected expenses.

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Mortgages

TD joins RBC in lowering rates

TD Bank on Thursday became the second big bank in as many days to lower its five-year, fixed mortgage rate.

The drop of a tenth of a percentage point to 5.34 per cent matches a rate announced Wednesday by the Royal Bank. TD's new rate kicks in Friday, a day after RBC's.

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Second quarter

Royal Bank reports lower profits

Royal Bank of Canada says its profits were pulled down seven per cent in the second quarter as it booked a loss from the acquisition of the remaining half of advisory firm RBC Dexia.

The country's biggest bank said Thursday that net income from continuing operations dropped to \$1.56 billion, or \$1.01 per share, down from \$1.68 billion, or \$1.10 per share, a year ago.

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No-confidence vote

Vatican bank chief ousted

The president of the Vatican bank was effectively ousted Thursday after receiving a unanimous vote of no-confidence from bank overseers for having leaked documents and failed to do his job at a critical time in the Holy See's efforts to show financial transparency, the Vatican and officials said.

Ettore Gotti Tedeschi is being investigated on suspicion of money laundering by Italian magistrates.

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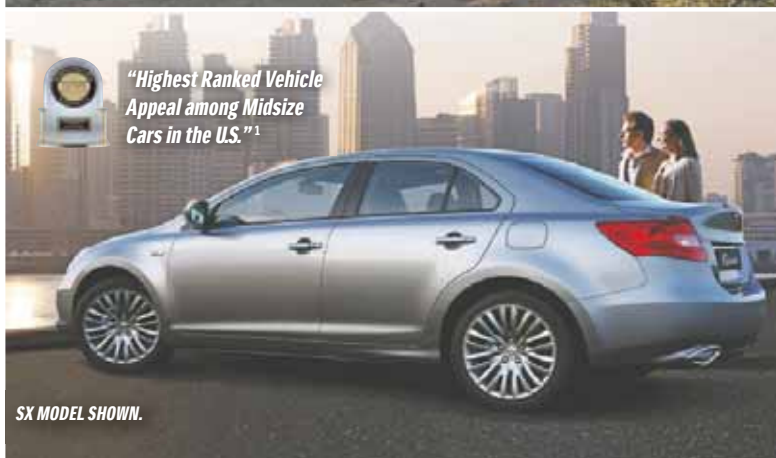
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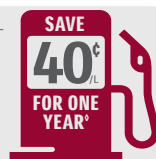
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1 **Mark Zuckerberg marries.** The 28-year-old multi-billionaire Facebook founder went and got hitched on the weekend, tying the knot with Priscilla Chan in the

backyard of his Palo Alto, Calif., home. Naturally, he changed his status to married on his FB page, and a picture from the ceremony he posted has garnered more than a million Likes.

2 **Elton John.** The iconic singer is coming to Peterborough, of all places, on Saturday, Sept. 8. Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. for the concert at MemorialCentre. ca. Now, I live in Peterborough and can tell you we haven't seen anything like this. Ever. It will take a rocket man to land tix.

3 **Niagara Falls fall.** A man survived a 57-metre fall from the Canadian side of Niagara Falls on Victoria Day, becoming only the third person to have gone over without a safety device and lived. The dramatic rescue involving a crane comes three weeks before daredevil Nik Wallenda's highly anticipated high-wire walk over Horseshoe Falls.

4 **HuffPo turns one.** A year ago this week, the news-aggregation blog Huffington Post kicked off its international expansion with the launch of its Canadian edition. A who's who of guests including Conrad Black, Jim Flaherty, Olivia Chow, Erica Ehm and Arianna Huffington herself were at a birthday shindig at their T.O. headquarters Wednesday night. I was there, too, but I'm a who dat.

5 **Charles & Camilla.** It was no Will and Kate visit in terms of hoopla and number of fans, but Canadians welcomed Charles and Camilla here this week as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee tour marking her 60th year on the throne. In Toronto, they even took a ride on a TTC bus, getting a glimpse into what us commoners deal with.

6 **Celebrity Apprentice finale.** Crooner Clay Aitken was runner-up on American Idol in 2003, so it was fitting he would be runner-up in the Celebrity Apprentice finale, which comedian Arsenio Hall won when Donald Trump picked him. Arsenio not only won \$250,000 for his Magic Johnson Foundation charity, but paved the way for his comeback to the late-night-talk-show world. Bring it.

7 **Paul O'Sullivan.** The veteran Canadian actor, who died in a car crash last Friday, was a comic genius — having been a longtime performer with the Second City improv troupe and appeared in many TV comedies. He also taught improv classes, and I had the pleasure of taking one. He was funny, humble and encouraging all at once — teaching us that laughter really is the best medicine.

8 **Build the Enterprise.** The USS Enterprise is a fictional ship, but is it possible that some day it could become non-fiction? Buildtheenterprise.org details how it could actually be built, and the man behind it says a fully functional Enterprise is only 20 years away if we put in the effort. Oh, and \$1 trillion.

9 **Howard Stern.** Stern made a seven-year-old boy rapper cry on America's Got Talent when he hit the X-buzzer as judge after only a few seconds. But then the shock jock climbed the stairs to hug the boy and give him a pep talk, saying, "No one likes hitting the X on a seven-year-old. You're very brave to get up there." A softer side of Stern, at least for a few seconds.



Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan at their wedding ceremony on Saturday. NOAH KALINA PHOTOGRAPHY/FACEBOOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain makes waves for jubilee



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Jubilee preparations

Taking final steps

Royal Navy personnel in formation training at the Diamond Jubilee Service at HMS Collingwood on Thursday in Fareham, England. The navy will play a critical ceremonial and security role for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on June 3 and June 5. **MWN**

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The number of participating boats in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant flotilla on June 3. The navy presence will include HMS Diamond, an assault squadron, the Picket Boats of Britannia Royal Naval College and two P2000 patrol boats.

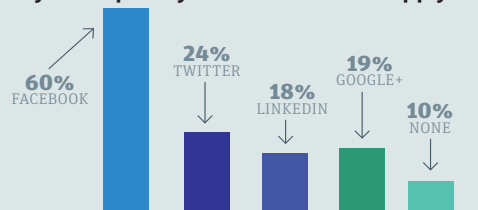
Navy role

- **HMS President.** The Queen will watch the flotilla from the navy's stone frigate.
- **Armed band.** Navy musicians will perform for the Queen at the Service of Thanksgiving on June 5.



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One (and possibly the only) reason to see MIB3: Josh Brolin's Tommy Lee Jones impression. HANDOUT

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



MIB3. Latest alien instalment from Will Smith falls flat despite a scarily good Tommy Lee Jones impression from Josh Brolin

Richard: Mark, I was six when Apollo 11 happened and was incredibly bored by the whole thing. I couldn't understand why the shows I liked were being preempted for moon launch coverage. The Cape Canaveral takeoff plays a big part in MIB3 and I felt like I was six again. Not filled with wonder but wishing I was watching something else. The movie has its moments, but by and large didn't work for me. You?

Mark: The movie was un-

even to say the least. I tend to like time travel plots and I enjoy anything set in the '60s but there was a lot of dead space and repetition. But I was impressed with the art direction and Josh Brolin's scarily accurate Tommy Lee Jones impression.

RC: If this acting thing doesn't work out for Brolin he does have a future as a Tommy Lee Jones impersonator. He could do weddings and Bar Mitzvahs and make a fortune. He's that good. But I felt that despite a good bad guy, some cool creatures and Brolin, the movie didn't have the charm or the energy of the first two movies. It reminded me of another effects laden Will Smith movie — Wild Wild West.

MB: And I thought Will Smith really walked through this one as did Tommy Lee Jones. But the actor who

Synopsis

As the third instalment opens, Boris the Animal — a notorious intergalactic serial killer — is forty years into a life sentence. He's locked away in the only place that will hold him, a super high security prison on the moon. After a daring escape he plans a full scale invasion of earth, but first he wants revenge on the man who put him in jail, MIB agent K (Tommy Lee Jones). The only way to thwart Boris's evil plan is for Agent J (Will Smith) to go back in time to 1969 and stop Boris.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

stole the show for me was Michael Stuhlbarg who plays the autistic cosmic seer Grif-

fin. A completely original performance of a completely original character. And Bill Hader's take on Andy Warhol made me laugh.

RC: Absolutely. Both are bright spots. I also enjoyed Smith literally hurtling through time, the idea that Mick Jagger is an alien sent to the planet to breed with Earth women and the battle in the Chinese restaurant. All cool moments, but the magic of the first film is gone — even the fun stuff in this film seems to evaporate as soon as the next scene starts — and don't even get me started about the ending.

MB: Even the film's tone has a stop/start feel to it. The movie isn't quite a comedy, not quite an action flick. The original got this mix just right, the sequel was close, but the third time is not the charm.

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Scene in brief

Efron's revealing role

Zac Efron says he felt uncomfortable filming his revealing role in *The Paperboy* — and that's the way he wanted it. The *High School Musical* actor moves into grown-up territory with the film by Precious director Lee Daniels, which is screening at the Cannes Film Festival. It's a swampy slice of Southern gothic set in the 1960s, with Efron as an aspiring writer helping his journalist brother (Matthew McConaughey) investigate a possible miscarriage of justice, and falling for Nicole Kidman's sultry femme fatale.

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Chernobyl Diaries

Director. Bradley Parker

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There isn't much redemption in watching a film like *Chernobyl Diaries*. Then again, there's not supposed to be. A gratuitous spectacle set at the now-abandoned site of the world's worst nuclear disaster, a group of ill-equipped tourists get stranded only to discover they're not alone. Oren Peli's (*Paranormal Activity*) script isn't wholly original, but mere suggestion and shaky cinematography will likely be enough to sell many tickets.

STEVE GOW

Drama

Edwin Boyd:
Citizen Gangster

Director. Nathan Morlando

Stars. Scott Speedman, Kelly Reilly,
Kevin Durand

The movie does a good job of showing how Boyd went from respectable veteran/bus driver/son of a cop to a fixture on the Canadian most wanted charts. It's not the romp *Public Enemy* was, instead it's a contemplative movie more about why Boyd (nicely played by Scott Speedman) robbed banks rather than about the robberies themselves.

RICHARD CROUSE

Luke Kirby takes a walk on the dark side

The Samaritan. Actor shares his experiences filming dark drama

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While working on his new film *The Samaritan*, actor Luke Kirby found a novel way to shake off the heaviness of the day's shooting.

"I found the experience of playing Ethan a bit heavy," he says. "No matter what you tell yourself, it has some sort of impact on you. You sort of have to mark the time you're there and mark the time that you're out in some way. Whatever it is. Like going to McDonald's for breakfast. Which is what it was for me because we were doing night shoots. That was how I stepped out."

Kirby plays a vengeful con man eager to learn the ropes from his criminal father's



Luke Kirby, left, stars in *The Samaritan*, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

former partner. That man, Foley, is played by one of Kirby's idols, Samuel L. Jackson.

"He is so iconic and embedded in my memory from when I was becoming a fan of film," Kirby says.

"He shows up in all these movies. He's there in *Do the Right Thing*. He's there in *Jurassic Park*. *Pulp Fiction*. All these films that were

coming out around that time, so I look up to him a great deal in that regard.

"It was a little bit nerve-racking to meet him, but he is such a hard worker and so ready to work and such a nice man and so playful, that very quickly it became a partnership of trying to shed light on whoever these characters are."

But shedding light on a character who exists in the moral shadows was difficult for Kirby.

"I was sort of left a bit troubled by the character of Ethan," he says. "He's a bit disturbing and I couldn't really grasp what his motives were because his actions are so questionable. I think that is what really pulled me in. It made my brain feel all tricky so I wanted to get in there and figure out what was wrong with this kid."

The Samaritan is a puzzle, a complex story of eight million dollars, ex-cons, con games and murder all wedged between layers of lies and double-crosses.

"I was impressed with how (director David Weaver) was able to make a film that was tonally and visually very dark and yet not have it weighted down or become heavy."

"You don't want to give away the game," Kirby continues. "That was sort of the dance of it. I'm glad it comes across."

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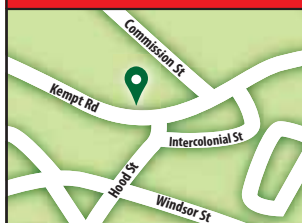
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Hollywood puts a new twist on an old children's staple — the fairy tale

Mirror, mirror. With several fairy tale films in the works in the upcoming years, which one will end up being the fairest of them all?

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With *Snow White and the Huntsman*, starring Kristen Stewart and Charlize Theron, hitting theatres on June 1, Hollywood has effectively re-established its love affair with the fairy tale.

There's no exact reason why, but with no less than a dozen folklore-based films in production, there's one novelty to this new affection for re-inventing the fairy tale — an adventurous twist.

It's not an original idea but its surge may be in part due to producers seeking relatable franchises to compete with big



Snow White and the Huntsman is just one of several movies that is taking the fairy tale and adding an action-packed twist. HANDOUT

money making superhero hits like *The Avengers*. Whether audiences will enjoy modern folktales like *Sleeping Beauty* takes to orthopedic mattresses is yet to be determined.

Nevertheless here are a few forthcoming fairy tale flicks:

Hansel and Gretel: Witch

Hunters (January 2013)

Hansel and Gretel tells the story of two siblings who get sucked into eating an old cannibalistic lady's candy house if only to get fattened up. In this version, Hansel and Gretel have become bounty hunters who seek revenge on nasty witches.

Reason for optimism: The film stars Jeremy Renner (*The Avengers*). Plus, director Tommy Wirkola's cult hit *Dead Snow* featured Nazi zombies so this is probably going to be a pretty dark fairy tale.

Maleficent (2014)

First published in 1697, *Sleeping Beauty* has had many adap-

tations but never has the witch who cast that evil slumber spell been handed her own screenplay — until now. In *Maleficent*, the *Sleeping Beauty* story is told from the point of view of the villain and I'm guessing it's not all her fault.

Reason for optimism: Angelina Jolie is attached to play *Maleficent* and directing will be Robert Stromberg, the Oscar-winning production designer for *Avatar*.

Pan (Date TBD)

Sure, Peter Pan is J.M. Barrie's leotard-wearing Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up but in this upcoming dramatic spin, Pan is a killer being hunted for kidnapping by a cop named Hook.

Reason for optimism: Besides a wicked plot, director Ben Hibon did some of the cool animation work in *Harry Potter* and the *Deathly Hallows: Part 1*.

Oz: The Great and Powerful (March 2013)

Originally published in 1900,

What about Jack?

Jack the Giant Killer

Set for release in March 2013, this film is closely associated with Jack and the Beanstalk. It takes the fairy tale and twists it so the titular character must battle a race of giants in order to rescue a princess. Now how do you like those beans?

The *Wizard of Oz* made its biggest mark on-screen with the 1939 classic film starring Judy Garland.

Now Sam Raimi (*The Evil Dead*) is completing the origin story of how that simple circus magician became the wonderful *Wiz*.

Reason for optimism: James Franco plays the *Wiz*. Plus, who wouldn't want to see Raimi's version of a flying monkey?

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Summer music festival season is finally here. Instead of being exposed to one or two bands every other week or so like an entry-level fan, festivals give you a chance to squeeze in all of the bands you ever wanted to see (and plenty that you didn't) in one musical cram-session. Not all summer music festivals are created equal, however, so here are a few coming up south of the border that we think are worth schlepping all the way for.

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Pretty Lights ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Wakarusa

May 31-June 3, Ozark, Ark. wakarusa.com

Supersized festivals like this one are usually just as much for die-hard music fans as they are for tent and dirt enthusiasts, which has made this long-running music and camping festival in Arkansas such a hit. That and the eclectic lineups — this year the slate runs the gamut from heady electronic bro Pretty Lights, to neo-mod soul act Fitz and the Tants, to indie bearded Blitzen Trapper, who were probably going to be hanging around nearby in the woods anyway.

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Music festivals

Bonnaroo

June 7-10, Manchester, Tenn., bonnaroo.com

In the past decade, Bonnaroo has become the ideal by which all other fests are judged, and a great example of what



Skrillex

happens when you realize, whoops, you've become super popular and need to book more than just jam bands. This year the likes of Skrillex, Radiohead, Mogwai, Das Racist, GZA, Santigold, The Roots and Foster the People give the nation's hipsters a really confusing idea of what Tennessee is actually like.

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Pitchfork Music Festival

July 13-15, Chicago

Lollapalooza

Aug. 3-5, Chicago

pitchfork.com/festivals/chicago/2012
lollapalooza.com

The old marketing brand returns with a lineup that reads like the ghosts of Lollapalooza past (Red Hot Chili Peppers, At the Drive-In), present (Black Keys, Florence + the Machine) and future (Twin Shadow, SBTRKT). The stacked bill almost seems more Pitchforkian than the actual Pitchfork fest going on a couple weeks earlier featuring Grimes, Clams Casino, Sleight Bells and Beach House.



Black Keys

All Good Festival

July 19-22, Thornville, Ohio, allgoodfestival.com

Old people like music too, and while they may not do as many drugs as they used to, sometimes it's nice to go back and relive the glory days, if only for a weekend. Phil Lesh & Friends, The Flaming Lips, Bob Weir and Bruce Hornsby with Branford Marsalis, The Allman Brothers Band and your dad will all be there.

Electric Daisy Carnival

June 8-10, Las Vegas
electricdaisycarnival.com

For almost 15 years this has been one of the biggest electronic music festivals in the U.S. Now that EDC is bigger than ever, it makes sense that the festival would expand exponentially too. Big names like Avicii, Tiësto, Afrojack and David Guetta headline.



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Kelly Clarkson comes full circle

TV. Former American Idol winner now takes on the role of helping contestants in new series Duets

Kelly Clarkson says judging someone a la American Idol isn't her style and she loves that she can "walk the walk and not just 'talk the talk'" as one of

the stars of the new ABC series Duets.

The singing competition series — which started Thursday and also airs on Global in Canada — will see Clarkson and fellow recording artists John Legend, Robin Thicke, and Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles performing onstage each week with their hand-picked Duets partners.

The winning partner will receive a recording contract with

Hollywood Records.

"In complete honesty, on the most cheesy note possible, that's a lot of the reason why I chose to do the show, (because) whenever I was on Idol I did not have anyone helping," Clarkson, who won American Idol's inaugural season in 2002, said this week in a conference call with reporters.

"It was a brand-new show from the U.K. and nobody had really worked in the U.S. much

and nobody really knew what they were doing. The show blew up around the Top 4, so I call it Ghetto Idol. It was the ghetto season: we didn't have anything they have now, and not only that, we couldn't get songs cleared, we couldn't have people that were really helping us as contestants. It was more for the show.

"So I love the fact that 10 years later I get to actually be that person for two people that



Kelly Clarkson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I get to hand-pick and I get to actually help."

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Sexy and he knows it

Cover boy. Meet the high school senior with the vocal stylings of a man — we'd happily let Noah Guthrie sing the phone book for us

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

Seven million views and counting. Noah Guthrie's cover of LMFAO's Sexy and I Know It went viral because, instead of the usual poppy club hit, the version was a blues-tinged, acoustic ditty that showed of his very smooth vocals (physically, he doesn't look so smooth). A free downloadable version of the song is available at noisetrade.com/only1noah. We talked to Guthrie about his career and covers.

How old were you when you started playing guitar and singing?

I started to play guitar when I was 14 or 15. I've been singing my whole life in front of people since I was 13.

Why did you decide to start

putting videos on YouTube?

I wanted to get my name out. I'm mainly an original song-writer, but I do covers mainly to get my name out.

How do you choose your covers?

I usually choose something that is a little current, something popping on the charts. But, sometimes I'll do a song because I like it.

Why did you decide to cover Sexy and I Know It?

It was a joke to myself and to the people that were subscribed to me on YouTube. I wanted people to get a kick out of it, but they got more kicks out of it than I thought they would.

How did you come up with that interesting take of the song?

I was just playing that groove. I don't know how I started singing the lyrics. I think I sang the "wiggie wiggie" part and that was it.

What was it like being on the Today Show?

I've watched that show since I was young. I love it. I lost my mind. I love Matt Lauer! I love Ann Curry!

What does your family say about your music career?

I've never been told to look for something else because this isn't a career. I've never been told that by my family. And, my manager has become a part of my family. It's great to have a family that supports you.

What did they think about the success of your cover of Sexy and I Know It?

We thought it was funny that it was this one, the one I didn't take seriously.

What are you up to next?

I have graduation on the 31st of this month. I go to an online school called K-12 South Carolina Virtual Charter School, and I'm about to graduate high school. I'm working on a new cover song that I don't want to talk about yet. And, I'll be opening up for Eddie Money and playing a big seminar, convention thing for some labels in New York.

To watch Noah Guthrie's cover of Sexy and I Know It, visit metronews.ca/scene



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Master of her 'Make-Believe'

Santigold. When it comes to spreading positivity, this pop princess is totally unstoppable

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Santigold became cemented into the lore of summer music three years ago. It all started when an eccentric guy dancing alone on a patch of grass far away from the stage at the Sasquatch Music Festival attracted hundreds of ecstatic revelers to join him, and eventually 5.9 million viewers on YouTube. All the while, singer Santi White was chanting a triumphant chorus of "I've got to be unstoppable."

"That was amazing," says White, reflecting back on the moment. "When we were on-stage, we noticed something far off in the distance and just saw this huge part of the crowd running across the field, and I remember afterward we were like, 'Did you see that? What happened?' And then when somebody sent it to me on YouTube I couldn't believe it. I've heard that the video has been used in leadership classes."

This moment is a good metaphor for everything that the music of Santigold represents. The songs are playful and fun, but they are firmly rooted in the notion of spreading positivity.

Releasing a self-titled debut in 2009, Santigold toured for two years and built a loyal following, so that when she released her sophomore album, *Master of My Make-Believe* earlier this month, the response was not entirely unlike the dancers running across the field to join in on the fun.

"It's great as an artist, starting out, to just spend some time building a fan base," she says. "I was really grateful that the demand was there for so long."

The live show is equally deserving of that demand, with its cross of high energy and

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"They're kind of like mantra songs for me, where you just need to be like, 'I'm the best!' especially when you're working on a new record, and you really don't feel like that... it's nice to be able to sing songs like that to make you feel good." Santigold

high camp. Robotic backup singers flank White and occasionally bust into funny, old-school dance moves. Backup musicians wear rubber flat-top wigs, making them look like comic book versions of ancient Egyptians. Oh, and there's also a two-person horsey that comes out to dance.

"I just closed my eyes one day and I saw lassos and a horse, and I was like, 'We need lassos and a horse!' and everybody looked at me like I was crazy," she says of the eureka moment. "And then me and my girls went online and we found this cool horse outfit and we were like, 'That's the one!' I wanted it to be theatrical in a very do-it-yourself sort of way, like a high school play."

Master of My Make-Believe opens in a call to arms, with the song, GO! against electronic pulses and jungle drums, Santi White sings about how haters have tried to steal her power away, "but they couldn't take it."

"There's truth to all of these songs," she says, "and this one is just watching people in the super mainstream pick and choose and take bits of what's going on in the underground. ... Also, that song is kind of like a tongue-in-cheek fun song. They're kind of like mantra songs for me, where you just need to be like, 'I'm the best!' Especially when you're working on a new record, and you really don't feel like that."

"There's just times when you don't feel like that, and it's nice to be able to sing songs like that to make yourself feel good."



Santigold GETTY IMAGES



Choice of Weapon

The Cult Return. Again.



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Ian Astbury is home — sort of. Reclining in a chair at the back of an appropriately dark downtown club, the singer of the Cult is happy to be back in Ontario where he spent his early years in Hamilton and later years in Toronto.

Now living in LA, he's excitedly talking about the new Cult album, *Choice of Weapon*, part of which was produced by Canadian Bob Rock.

This reunion seems to be sticking.

(Ruefully) Reunion (laughs). We've been 'reconvening' for seven years. The first one, '95 through '99, I needed time. I needed to walk away. In '99 we signed to Warner Brothers and the industry just went 'kablooie'. It was a difficult time to come back. Then the Doors thing (a semi Doors reunion with Ian as singer) came along. Then I just started popping around doing stuff. There was Trent Reznor. We were potentially working on a group together...

Wait, wait! What potential group with Trent Reznor?

We were kind of toying with the idea of doing something at one point. He was sniffing around. I think he was looking for what his next move was going to be. I'd love to work with Trent at some point, but we'll see.

You've had the same rhythm section in the Cult for a while.

The Cult has actually had several careers within our 31 years. We fought to keep this (incarnation) together.

This is also the most prolific version of the Cult with albums, EPs, reissues all coming over the last couple of years.

I think we just got confident in terms of not judging (the material) before it came out. I'm the worst critic. I criticize it before it's even been written. Working with the Doors was part of this new confidence.

How did the Super Bowl commercial (the mash-up featuring Flo Rida and She Sells Sanctuary) come about?

Budweiser approached us. It's pitched to us as 150 million viewers. We thought this was an amazing opportunity to put the band's name out there. It actually helped me pay back my publishing deal. I signed the worst deals in the '80s. They're still playing it, too.

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Game of Thrones on HBO Canada Sunday. HANDOUT

Way Off Broadway goes out in style

The made-in-Toronto reality show Way Off Broadway concludes Friday with the drama wannabes living out their big moment. A sold-out crowd of 1,100 is in attendance as the show's cast performs The Wizard of Oz. (Bravo!)

Not your average father

Reports suggest Vince Vaughn will star in the Hollywood remake of the Quebec comedy Starbuck but before that happens, you can check out the award-winning original on TV tonight. Patrick Huard stars as a sperm donor who learns he has biologically fathered 533 children — and they all want to meet him. (HBO Canada)

Last call for How to Be a Gentleman

The show isn't long for this world, but there are back-to-back episodes of How to Be a Gentleman on if you want to watch something new

on Saturday. The comedy, starring Kevin Dillon, David Hornsby and Canadian Dave Foley, has been cancelled but still has a few episodes left to air. (CBS)

Game of Thrones season end

The epic drama Game of Thrones draws closer to the end of its second season with Sunday's episode, written by George R. R. Martin himself. Expect a massive battle for control of King's Landing and the Iron Throne in this second-to-last episode of the season. (HBO Canada)

Duets re-airs

If you missed the debut of the latest reality singing series last week, there's another chance to catch it on ABC on Sunday.

In The Duets, amateur singers compete for a chance to partner up with Kelly Clarkson, John Legend, Jennifer Nettles or Robin Thicke and win a recording contract. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Family feud, Costner style

Hatfields & McCoys.

Kevin Costner steps into role of patriarch, facing off with a rival American family during the bloody, brutal Civil War era

He's built an Oscar-winning career on memorable roles in period dramas ranging from crime capers to westerns and political thrillers. Now, Kevin Costner is stepping into the shoes of yet another real-life figure rooted in American folklore.

Following big-screen portrayals of federal agent Eliot Ness and gunslinger Wyatt Earp, the Oscar winner is heading to TV for Hatfields & McCoys, which chronicles the infamous feud between the two rival American families.

Costner and Bill Paxton (Big Love) portray patriarchs of the duelling clans in the three-part miniseries which debuts Monday at 8 p.m. on History Television. Costner, who starred in the political thriller JFK and Cuban Missile Crisis docudrama Thirteen Days, said he doesn't mind "dabbling" in American history, nor does he feel bound by any genre.

"I feel an affinity for my own country, for the history, and like to tell it in a robust way," he said in a recent conference call with reporters.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that the subject is in vogue. My kind of great joy has been to be a storyteller," he added.

He also feels added responsibility portraying real-life figures, saying he doesn't want to "make them a clown".

"My dad told me one time, he said: 'Kevin, you know...



Kevin Costner stars in Hatfields & McCoys, which debuts on History Television Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

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"I feel an affinity for my own country, for the history, and like to tell it in a robust way."

Kevin Costner

when you knock somebody down, you should be sure that somewhere, you're knocking down someone else's hero," Costner recalled. "And it always informed me about how I thought about people, and not to be so quick.

"I want to try to give an honest portrayal of a guy living in that time. I didn't want to sugarcoat him. But we don't think it's beyond him to look

at those guys in the firing line and say: 'Harden your hearts.' He's basically asking young men who knew each other to shoot."

Costner plays "Devil" Anse Hatfield opposite Paxton's Randall McCoy, with the film documenting mounting tensions between their families living along the Kentucky-West Virginia border. Conflicts arise over everything from a legal dispute over land rights to the theft of a pig, with blood boiling over — and spilling — on both sides.

Costner said there can be parallels drawn between disputes individuals have within their own lives to the bitter battle that is endured between the feuding families.

"Sometimes when we look at this period we start to think of these as people with funny hats and funny beards, and gosh, they had a feud that lasted into the next century over a pig. And we know that, clearly, people fight over views.

"Somebody raises a fence, raises a hedge, takes a tree down and it's somebody who is our neighbour — suddenly we're in litigation with (them) the next 15 years. So pettiness has existed in all centuries."

Costner said it's also difficult to understand the wounds that came with the Civil War — which serves as the backdrop of the story — and the lingering effects on those beyond the front lines.

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Bar wants us to feel sorry for her

It's hard out there for a supermodel. Bar Refaeli, who previously dated Leonardo DiCaprio, insists that despite her famous beauty, she gets very little male attention.

"Let's put it out there: no one hits on me. No one flirts with me. It's very sad, actually," Refaeli tells Conan O'Brien during an interview.

"A guy who comes up to me (directly) works. I hope that will happen every now and again."

But if you plan on approaching Refaeli, be sure you've been to the dentist: "I want him to be sweet and kind with good values and morals," she says of what she looks for in a guy.

"But the first thing I notice is his teeth. I have a fetish. He has to have a great smile and really white, bright teeth."



Twitter



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working is the best medicine.



@JerrySeinfeld
"sex,worms" is what I believe the first tweet was. Posted by a sparrow on a branch.



@TheRealRoseanne
now that women are a majority in the world, patriarchy is dead (though still in death throes)-peace will just happen now



@ConanOBrien
A sad moment for civilization: I just bought Greece with an old can of olives.

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Brad Pitt THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Pitt's pre-bachelor party?

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Although he insists there's no date set for his wedding to Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt has been treating the Cannes Film Festival like a bit of a bachelor party.

At a black-tie after-party for his new film *Killing Them Softly*, the actor partied with everyone from Kylie Minogue to P.Diddy — who

stopped by for a congratulatory drink before getting back to his yacht — and put back some expensive booze with Jolie nowhere in sight.

"With Brad's impending wedding it almost had the feel of a sophisticated pre-bachelor party, with bottles of \$390 Johnnie Walker whisky and plenty of cigars," a guest, who we assume didn't arrive by yacht, tells *Us Weekly*.

"It was definitely a night for Brad to remember."

You'd think so. But then again, swanky whiskey with Diddy on the French Riviera might be Brad Pitt's equivalent of warm wine coolers with the cat.



Jennifer Lopez. GETTY IMAGES

J.Lo and her boyfriend to get reality show: Report

While rumours swirl that Jennifer Lopez won't return as a judge on *American Idol*, she's just signed a deal with the Oxygen Network for a reality show, according to the *New York Post*.

But the show won't focus on Lopez, sources say. It will instead be about her

boyfriend, Casper Smart, who was recently promoted to choreographer for Lopez's upcoming tour, as he "whips her other backup dancers into shape."

Lopez and Smart reportedly plan to keep the focus on their "professional relationship" on the show.

Simon would say what during sex?

Paula Abdul insists she could never have an intimate relationship with former boss Simon Cowell, despite what his unauthorized biography might say.

"According to him, we did a lot of hanging out,"

she tells Wendy Williams in an interview. "But I've got to tell you something, it would never ever happen because he's selfish and he'd be a selfish lover and he'd call his own name out during sex if it ever happened."

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I'm assuming with the ease of downloading, the idea of an age limit on viewing movies is for the most part out the window.

Back in my underage days, the mere thought of a movie being "Rated R" was a call to arms. We had to try to see it — even if it meant risking being kicked out of the movie theatre.

I'm proud to say the first restricted flick I successfully attended was Saturday Night Fever. Not only was it a great film, it had a soundtrack that spoke of the times.

Hearing that Robin Gibb passed away last weekend got me watching it again (yes, I own it now) and thinking of when all the Bee Gees were Stayin' Alive.

With Robin gone to the big disco in the sky I plan on raising a toast to his talent tonight with a glass of the California's 2010 Big House Red (\$10.95 - \$12.99).

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Life is but a (tasty) picnic

Straight-Up Deviled Eggs. Elizabeth Karmel shares her classic recipe for a fave

When I think about summer, I think about deviled eggs. Beginning with Easter and going straight through September, just about every activity — from camping and cookouts to beach vacations — can be enhanced by a plate of deviled eggs.

It's really just a matter of swapping the garnish to fit the activity or mood.

If I am feeling down-homey, I add pimento cheese to my basic deviled egg mixture. If I want to spice it up, I add pureed chipotle. For the right occasion I'll even get a little fancy and top deviled eggs with caviar.

Still, no matter how good embellished deviled eggs are, my favourite remains what I call "straight-up deviled eggs." They are as advertised — classic and simple. One of the beauties of deviled eggs is how well they

Ingredients

Start to finish: 30 minutes (plus overnight chilling)

- 1 dozen large eggs
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup strong Dijon mustard (such as Amora or Maille)
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- Pinch garlic powder
- 2 to 4 shakes hot sauce
- Salt
- Smoked paprika or minced fresh chives

travel. That's why I call them party eggs.

1. Fill large bowl with cold water.
2. Place eggs in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, cover, then turn off the heat. Let the eggs sit for 15 minutes. Drain the eggs, then transfer them to the bowl of cold water. Let



This recipe makes 24 halves. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

them sit for about 10 minutes, or until cool to the touch.

3. Carefully peel eggs, keeping the whites intact. Cut in half across the middle or lengthwise, depending on your desired final presentation. Use your fingers or a small spoon to gently scoop out the yolks into a medium bowl. Set the whites aside on a platter or deviled egg plate, then cover and refrigerate.

4. Use a fork to mash the yolks until all large pieces are broken up and smooth. Add the mayonnaise, butter, mustard, lemon zest and juice, garlic powder and hot sauce. Stir well. Taste and season with salt. Transfer the mixture to a pastry bag or plastic zip-close bag

and refrigerate overnight.

5. Just before serving, snip off the tip of the piping bag (or one of the bottom corners of a zip-close bag) and squeeze the deviled egg mixture into the egg whites. Alternatively, you can use a small spoon to fill the egg white "boats" with the yolk mixture, but the presentation is less attractive. Sprinkle the eggs with smoked paprika for classic eggs, or chives for a fancier version. Serve chilled. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ELIZABETH KARMELE (GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOODS EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE CHEF AT HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE MARKET RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS HILL COUNTRY CHICKEN IN NEW YORK).**

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Etiquette

Foot fault

After a spell of chilly weather, many are keen to show off their feet — even at restaurant patios while soaking up the rays.

But those in the business of good manners agree that feet on public seats, especially in places where we eat, is a faux pas. "As soon as you get into public areas ... it's no longer yours. It belongs to everybody," said Suzanne Nourse, founder and owner of The Protocol School of Ottawa and co-author of *The Power of Civility*. "The true meaning of etiquette is not about the knife and fork; it's how we treat other people. And putting your feet up — where somebody else is going to sit down later — is inappropriate."

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Hockey

Age not a factor for world junior team coach

Although Nathan MacKinnon's young age makes him ineligible for August's Canada-Russia Challenge, it ultimately won't hurt his bid to make the Canadian world junior team, according to the head coach.

The 16-year-old Halifax Mooseheads superstar was one of the most high-profile names not invited to last December's Canadian selection camp. At the time, head scout Kevin Prendergast cited age as the biggest reason for the exclusion.

But head coach Steve Spott — who will work together with Prendergast to form the roster — was emphatic on Thursday that age won't be a part of his criteria.

"I can't be clear enough — age is not a factor," Steve Spott said at a press conference in Halifax during his first official day on the job.

"Trust me. Age is not a factor. We will take the best (22) players."

Spott, who coaches the Ontario Hockey League's Kitchener Rangers, said he has had numerous conversations with Prendergast and the two of them are on the same page on the matter.

MacKinnon, who turns 17 in September, is ranked No. 1 for the 2013 NHL draft by Red Line Report. He was co-MVP of the Mooseheads last season, along with goaltender Zach Fucale, and led the team in scoring with 78 points in 58 games.

Spott said he has not yet had any conversations about specific candidates for the team.

But with the world juniors being held in Ufa, Russia, he already knows exactly what skill he covets the most — and it's good news for the fleet-footed MacKinnon.

"We've got to be able to skate, I can tell you that right now," Spott said. "We're going over to an Olympic-sized rink and we're gonna have to have kids who can skate."

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



Nathan MacKinnon METRO



Canadian world junior head coach Steve Spott addresses media in Halifax on Thursday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Hockey Canada won't 'rule anything out'

Nathan MacKinnon.

Top officials won't close door to possible last-minute change to rule keeping Mooseheads star out of Canada-Russia Challenge



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Hockey Canada is standing by the rule that prevents Nathan MacKinnon from playing in the Canada-Russia Challenge in his hometown in August — but also isn't closing the door to a last-minute change.

At a press conference in Halifax on Thursday, world junior head coach Steve Spott and senior director of hockey operations Scott Salmond talked at length about a long-standing policy that requires underage players to represent Canada at the under-18 level before participating in the summer under-20 evaluation events.

"I wouldn't want to rule

out anything," Salmond said.

Spott added: "I've learned a long time ago to never say never. We'll see how this all plays out."

News that MacKinnon wouldn't be allowed to play in the Canada-Russia Challenge first broke on metronews.ca on Wednesday. The four-game primer for the IIHF world junior championship features stops at the Metro Centre on Aug. 13 and 14 and has replaced Hockey Canada's traditional summer evaluation camp.

Hockey Canada's policy dictates that MacKinnon will instead try to win a spot on the national under-18 team and play for Canada's fifth straight gold medal at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Slovakia and the Czech Republic from Aug. 13 to 18.

"We think that's the best experience for those (under-age) players," Salmond said. "Right now it's our policy. Certainly we review policies as we go, but ... the discussion right now is that as an underage player, we would

Salmond's take

Although some fans are clamouring for a refund after learning Nathan MacKinnon isn't eligible to play in the Canada-Russia Super Series, Hockey Canada's senior director of hockey operations, Scott Salmond, said they'll still get their money's worth.

- "I certainly understand their disappointment," Salmond said. "But our focus is on the 22 guys who will put on the jersey and will compete here. Anybody who buys a ticket may be disappointed that Nathan's not here, but they certainly won't be disappointed in the product and the national team that we'll have on display here in Halifax."

expect that Nathan would report to our under-18 camp and would probably be an important part of our under-18 team."

Whether MacKinnon

plays in the Canada-Russia Challenge or not, he is eligible to play in the Subway Super Series in the fall and can be invited to the final world junior evaluation camp in December.

When asked whether the Hlinka will be a better experience for MacKinnon than the Canada-Russia Challenge, Salmond said "that's debatable."

"Certainly it's a tremendous development opportunity for him to go overseas with his peers to play in a tournament format where there's a gold medal on the line, where he's going to be relied on to be a big part of that team," Salmond said.

Although the roster for the Canada-Russia Challenge will be named in the next few weeks, Spott said his group has not yet decided how many players will be selected.

"Those are the logistics we have to work through," Spott said.

A mini-camp will be held in Toronto starting Aug. 1 and the series opens in Yaroslavl, Russia, with games on Aug. 9 and 10.

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SPORTS

Canada-Russia Challenge

"The nice thing for me this year is we have a meaningful evaluation period in August, not a red-white (scrimmage) situation. We have a meaningful opportunity to see these kids in a competitive environment. We're going to have a real good gauge of where these players are at in December having gone through this in August."

Canadian world junior head coach Steve Spott on the four-game Canada-Russia Challenge, which will feature two contests in Halifax on Aug. 13 and 14. The series is a key evaluation tool for the Canadian world junior program.

On the web



The University of Cincinnati is ahead of the curve ... ball. The Bearcats baseball team implemented a comprehensive vision-training program before last season and got surprisingly good results. Other colleges and MLB teams have taken notice. Scan the code for the story.

Cataractes cruise past Oil Kings to book semi spot



The Cataractes' Yannick Veilleux scores his team's first goal past Laurent Brossoit Thursday in Shawinigan, Que. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Memorial Cup. Shawinigan faces the Sea Dogs Friday

The Shawinigan Cataractes got goals from six different players as they coasted to a 6-1 victory over the Edmonton Oil Kings in the tiebreaker game Thursday night at the MasterCard Memorial Cup.

The win put host Shawinigan (2-2) into the semifinal on Friday night against the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League champion Saint John Sea Dogs (2-1). It will be the Cataractes' third game in as many nights.

The winner advances to the final Sunday night against the Ontario Hockey League champion London Knights (2-1).

The Oil Kings (1-3), never found their stride after beating Shawinigan 4-3 in the tournament opener.

Yannick Veilleux, Morgan

Early exit

The last Western Hockey League club to be the tournament's first casualty was Kelowna in 2005.

Ellis, Anton Zlobin, Kirill Kabanov, Michael Bournival and Pierre-Olivier Morin scored for the Cataractes, while Brandon Gormley and Michael Chaput each had two assists.

Henrik Samuelsson replied for the Oil Kings, who were outshot 31-30.

Shawinigan was coming off a 4-1 loss on Wednesday night to Saint John, the QMJHL powerhouse that is seeking a second straight Memorial Cup title.

Nerves were evident for both teams in the opening minutes until Veilleux opened the scoring at 7:30, tipping in a Gormley point shot after some good work from Kabanov. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Perjury trial. David Segui says McNamee told him about Clemens' 'darts'

David Segui remembered "darts" but not dates.

The former major leaguer testified for the prosecution Thursday in the Roger Clemens perjury trial, and he would have made a much better witness if he kept a better mental calendar. As it was, Segui was able to recall one specific moment that helped the government's case: A telephone conversation he says he had with Clemens' strength coach 11 years ago.

"He mentioned that he had kept darts to get his wife off his back," Segui said.

Segui echoed the testimony of the six-week-old trial's key witness. Brian McNamee told the jury last week that he saved a needle and other materials from an alleged steroids injection of Clemens in 2001. McNamee testified he was trying to allay his wife's fears he would take all the blame if the drug use was discovered.

"He mentioned that the relationship between Brian and Roger had put stress on his married life," said Segui, recalling other parts of the conversation.

Segui, who has acknowledged using performance-enhancing drugs during his 15-year baseball career with seven teams, wasn't allowed to say that "darts" means "needles." The judge ruled that the jurors will have to make that assumption themselves — unless McNamee were to return to the stand to explain.

Segui, who became friends with McNamee when they met in Toronto during the 1999 season, also wasn't allowed to relate a similar "darts" conversation because he couldn't remember when it happened.

"I'm not good with dates. I don't log my life," said Segui, who also couldn't remember at what point during the '99 season he was traded from Seattle to Toronto.

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress in 2008 when he denied using steroids and human growth hormone. McNamee says he injected Clemens with both substances and saved some of the waste from the 2001 injection in a beer can.

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French Open

All eyes on Nadal and Djokovic

When the French Open draw is revealed Friday, much of the attention will be on the paths presented to two men: Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Nadal is bidding for a record seventh title at Roland Garros. Djokovic will be trying to become only the third man in history to win four consecutive Grand Slam tournaments.

Nadal will be ranked No. 2, and Djokovic will be No. 1. They only can meet each other in the final June 10, and that is what many people expect to happen.

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NFL

Tebow struggles in Jets practice

Mark Sanchez was sharp in the New York Jets' first session of organized team activities open to the media, while backup Tim Tebow threw two interceptions in a three-play span on Thursday.

It's only May, and the Jets have made it clear that Sanchez is the starting quarterback, but it was an encouraging performance.

While many in the media continue to speculate about when in the season Tebow will eventually assume the starting job, Sanchez brushes it all aside.

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MLB

Yankees deny for-sale rumours

The New York Yankees say they aren't for sale.

The Daily News reported Thursday that there were rumours in Major League Baseball and New York banking circles that the Steinbrenner family "is exploring the possibility of selling the Yankees."

But Yankees managing partner Hal Steinbrenner said "it is pure fiction."

Franchise values have been given new focus since the Los Angeles Dodgers sold on May 1 for \$2 billion US.

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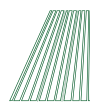
Heat blaze a trail to conference final

Dwyane Wade goes in for a dunk Thursday in Indianapolis. Wade scored 41 points, LeBron James added 28 and Miami finished off the Indiana Pacers, sending the Heat back to the Eastern Conference final with a 105-93 victory in Game 6 on Thursday night. DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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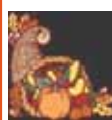
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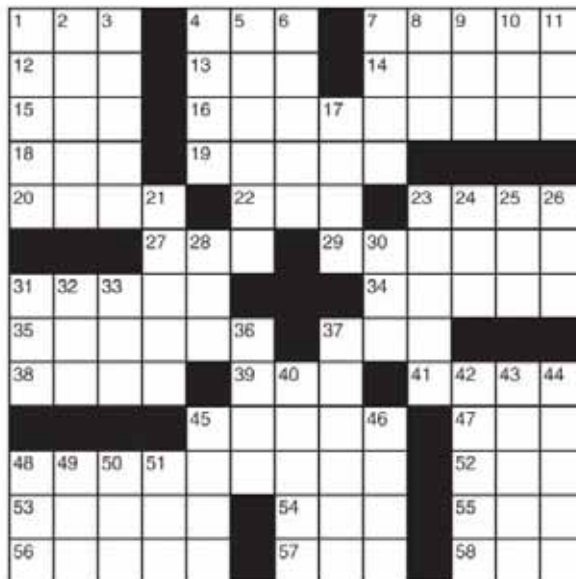
Crossword

Across

- 1 Kyoto cummerbund
- 4 Wager
- 7 Standard
- 12 Chaps
- 13 Whatever amount
- 14 Bulgaria's capital
- 15 Illustrations
- 16 Tour rural areas
- 18 The girl
- 19 Romance
- 20 Above all else
- 22 Freddy's street
- 23 Conked out
- 27 Moray, e.g.
- 29 PBS dinosaur
- 31 Action venue
- 34 Literary category
- 35 Big circus name
- 37 "Of course"
- 38 Duel tool
- 39 Shock and —
- 41 Knife
- 45 Bandleader Louis
- 47 Praise in verse
- 48 Clingy crustaceans
- 52 Yang counterpart
- 53 Oriental
- 54 "CSI" evidence
- 55 Brock of baseball
- 56 Strip of leather
- 57 Try the Tokay
- 58 Type units

Down

- 1 Nebraska city
- 2 Sporty chapeau
- 3 Prelude
- 4 Rum cake
- 5 Canine coating
- 6 Alpine region
- 7 Cold War abbr.
- 8 Drunkard
- 9 Sci-fi transport
- 10 Football filler
- 11 Felon's flight
- 17 Sense-less?
- 21 Tubular pasta
- 23 Raiment
- 24 Hostel
- 25 Always, in verse
- 26 Change colors
- 28 Perfume-label word
- 30 Candle count
- 31 Rushmore face
- 32 Eminem's genre
- 33 Preceding
- 36 Playwright Connelly
- 37 Sanaa citizen
- 40 Sparsely inhabited areas, with "the"
- 42 Rule-book compiler
- 43 Figure of speech
- 44 Aphrodite counterpart
- 45 Throe



- 46 Pronto, on a memo
- 48 Cudgel
- 49 Blond shade

- 50 Carnival city
- 51 A Bobbsey twin

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	5	2	7	9	8	6	3
7	9	6	8	3	5	1	4	2
3	8	2	1	6	4	7	9	5
2	3	9	5	4	7	6	8	1
8	6	7	3	9	1	2	5	4
1	5	4	6	8	2	3	7	9
6	2	1	9	5	8	4	3	7
9	4	3	7	2	6	5	1	8
5	7	8	4	1	3	9	2	6

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Q Q K Y H ' F N Z D N N E Q W P G Y F
C S C W L D Y ' B O I C K Q W P V H P
Y G L C F . Z Y H I A K Y H B C K
V D C V ' B O H I I Q W P G Y F D Q S ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING AN
ARCHER'S BOW WERE SLEEKLY DESIGNED, I
GUESS IT MIGHT BE KNOWN AS ARROW-
DYNAMIC.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You have a way with words and you must use them today to get what it is that you need.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. If you get the chance to travel today, maybe to some place you have not been in a while, take it, no matter what responsibilities you have.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You need to get out into the world and make sure important people know who you are.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Let other people worry about the small stuff while you focus on the future and the many wonderful things it has to offer you.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

You'll come to a decision concerning your next big move. Whatever you decide, you must go for it 100 per cent.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You're now in the perfect position to leave your mark on the world. Make sure it's a positive one.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Old must give way to new sooner or later, and in your case it is most likely sooner. The planets indicate it is time to stop holding on to the past.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Nothing in life is worth getting worked up about — right? Wrong! You're a Scorpio and that means you are passionate by nature.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

The planets warn you are being too hard on yourself. Whatever mistake you made, forgive yourself.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Make an effort to find out why a certain person is behaving in a certain way. They're human, just like you.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You'll have to make a choice of some sort today and it's very much a choice between future and past.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Try to read the signals today. Try to predict what other people are going to do before they actually do it. It's not that hard.

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